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served with former Senator Emil Beyer. And Emil knows me well enough to know that I will not play favorites, so I'm going to vote against this confirmation also. However, it is not based on any negative attitude that I have toward former Senator Beyer. He just showed that he was smarter than a lot of us by getting out of here before it was too late.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. No further discussion. Senator Bromm, would you like to close? Senator Bromm waives closing. The question before us is the adoption of the Transportation Committee confirmation report. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on adoption of the Transportation Committee confirmation report.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The confirmation report is adopted. Members, if I could have your attention for an announcement. Today is Senator Kurt Bromm's birthday, like to recognize that. He would like to advise everyone that there are kolaches available in the balcony area. I'd bring this attention to you so that you can move over in that direction, if you would like to do so before we proceed to Final Reading. Mr. Clerk. Senator Bromm, happy birthday. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the final confirmation report this morning involves the appointment of Mr. Connie Lapaseotes to the Game and Parks Commission.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Chair of the Natural Resources Committee, Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, the Natural Resources Committee held a hearing on the 16th of March, at that time Connie Lapaseotes was present. And we had a lot of people testify in favor of Connie, and we had one person testify against. We reported favorably on Connie with a vote of seven to one in committee. It did not come without some controversy. I will tell you that I, personally, found Connie to be a fine candidate. I don't believe the gentleman has an agenda. He fulfills a requirement that two of